

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to read as follows:

Please delete the title "Semiconductor Device" and insert the new title of **"SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE EQUIPPED WITH DUMMY CELLS"**.

Please insert before the first paragraph under **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION** of page 1 of the Disclosure currently on file with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/315,938 filed on December 11, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/942,558 filed on August 31, 2001 (which issued on January 28, 2003, as U.S. Patent No. 6,512,714 B). Priority is claimed based on U.S. Serial No. 10/315,938 filed on December 11, 2002, which claims the priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/942,558 filed on August 31, 2001 (which issued on January 28, 2003, as U.S. Patent No. 6,512,714 B), which claims the priority of Japanese Patent application 2001-038237 filed on February 15, 2001.